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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. TSUCHIYA et al.
Serial No.: 09/455,363
Filed: December 6, 1999
For: COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD AND
INFORMATION RELAYING DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION
NETWORK SYSTEM
Group: 2137
Examiner: M. Pyzocha

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 1, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.